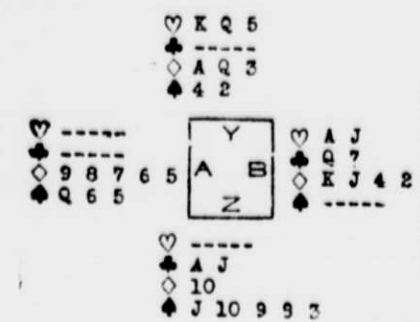


PROBLEMS FOR "SUN" READERS TO SOLVE

H. D. Lyman's Checker Problem
Catches All the Cracks
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NASIK SQUARE PUZZLES

Bridge problem No. 225, while not intended as one of the tests for the honor list because of the indefinite nature of the conditions, presents to the students of tactics the very human characteristics of a hand which it is difficult to say just what to do with. Here is the distribution:



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If A covers the spade he will lead through the diamonds and Y will trump with the ace and lead another spade. Y can make one of his trumps on this, or later, if he likes, but that is all, as Z can trump himself in both the other trumps and make the scores. This shows six tricks for Y and Z if A covers the spade on the first trick.

If A does not cover the spade, B can trump B and lead the jack of diamonds. Y wins this and clears the hearts. B playing the ace and Z trumping, pulling its trump and getting A in with the spade, after which Y makes the ace of diamonds and two hearts—again six tricks for Y and Z, so that B cannot afford to ruff the first spade lead, and play diamonds.

If B ruffs the first spade, he must lead two rounds of hearts at once. Even if Z ruffs the ace and pulls B's trumps, he cannot avoid letting A get in with the spade queen to lead the spade king. B must make a diamond some time. This gives Y and Z only five tricks.

Suppose that A and B both pass the first spade, B letting go the heart jack. If Z leads another spade, the queen wins, as Y has no more spades to lead. A diamond comes through Y, and whether he puts on the ace or not, A and B make three tricks, holding Y and Z down to five.

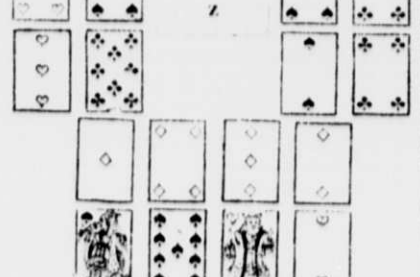
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Several thought the better attack was the trump opening, in which case B was the second round, Y having discarded both his spades. B leads the ace and jack of hearts and after Y has made his third heart he must lead a small diamond. If B covers, that is three tricks, as Y makes ace and queen. If B passes, Z wins and loses a trick to the spade queen. This is a very interesting situation and shows in a remarkable way the possibilities of the game, both in attack and defense. Those who sent in excellent analyses of the position were:

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Z has the six of hearts, six and four of trumps; jack nine of diamonds; jack nine and deuce of spades.

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LEAGUE WILL BE ACTIVE

At the last meeting of the board of directors, held early last month, it was decided to discontinue operations in the Rice Chess Club, and all the property of the club, consisting of chess tables, chessmen, a library, chess clocks, &c., was assigned to Prof. Isaac L. Rice, leaving it entirely to him how to dispose of it. Unfortunately Mr. Rice has not fully recovered as yet from the illness which overtook him on reaching Europe early in the summer and he is still a very weak man at his home in the Ansonia. Under the circumstances he entrusted Mrs. Rice with the disposal of the property of the club.

Mrs. Rice now informs that Mrs. Rice has decided to present the chessmen, tables and seven others, twelve sets of chessmen, six clocks, the whole library, the chairs and pictures to the Rice Chess Club of Newark and the rest of the chess paraphernalia to the Columbia, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Brown, Cornell and Pennsylvania University chess clubs in equal shares. It thus may be taken for granted that the Rice Chess Club is not likely to resume operations.

The chess teams affiliated with the Interior and Agricultural departments at Washington opened the season in the Capital City Club on Saturday week and after an interesting fight, one side had scored seven and a half points, one game being adjourned, to be finished some time next week. This game was played by Mr. H. Beadle and Mr. May, the former representing the Interior, the latter the Agricultural Department. Although Beadle, who played the white pieces, is a pawn to the good, it is not expected that this advantage will be sufficient to win, and so the whole match may end in a draw.

During last week chess players had an opportunity of studying the schedule provided for the championship matches of the Metropolitan Chess League, and it was rather interesting to see that the most important encounters—those in which the Manhattan, Progressive and Brooklyn chess clubs will be concerned—will not be played until the ninth, tenth and eleventh rounds. In the second round, the Manhattan and Brooklyn clubs will have to tackle the Progressives in the tenth round, while the Manhattan and Brooklyn clubs will meet in the eleventh and final round of the contest.

Other important contests will be played earlier. Next Saturday in the first round the Newark and Lyceum players will be the star attraction. In the second round, scheduled a fortnight hence, the principal match will be that between the Manhattan and North Jersey teams. The Progressive club and the Manhattan club will meet in the third round, the fourth, fifth and sixth rounds the men from Staten Island will be pitted against the Newark team. The Progressive club and the Manhattan club will meet in the third round, the fourth, fifth and sixth rounds the men from Staten Island will be pitted against the Newark team.